to be taken up and amounts released for development of tourism in West Bengal during the current Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The Central Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned and released the following financial assistance to the Government of West Bengal for new tourism projects in the State during the first three years of the 7th Plan so far

(Rs. in lakhs)

Project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1. Tourist Cottages at Digha	40.17	20.00
2. Tourist accommodation at Gadiara	16.93	5.00
3. Development of trekking facilities in the Western tracts of Midnapore, Bankura rural area.	44.68	10.00
4 Wayside facilities at Durgapur	26.38	4.00
5. Expansion of Tourist accommodation at Shantiniketan	38.75	10.00
6. Yatri Niwas at Darjeeling	47.39	10.00
7. Sound and Light Show at Rabindra Bharati, Calcutta	15.50	10.00

Reservation in trains originating from Assam

3390. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that all the trains originating from different parts of Assam bound for Howrah, New Delhi, Bombay, Trivandrum and Lucknow and passing through the different railway stations of North Bengal have meagre quota of reservations in these trains; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase the number of reservations in trains concerned, in view of the sufferings of the people of North Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) The distribution of existing reservation quotas in different trains originating from Assam has been done on the basis of demand pattern of different interests namely, travelling public from North Eastern States, North Bengal, Sikkim, part of Bihar, etc. There is no scope for making adjustments in these quotas for the present.

Cancellation of 57 UP/58 Dn. Kanchanjunga Express

3391. SHRI NARAYAN KAR Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Howrah bound 57 UP and 58 Dn. Kanchanjunga Express originating from New Jalpaiguri Station subsequently running from New Bongaigaon has been withdrawn;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any plan to re-interoduce the train to re-

the inconvenience caused to the people of North Bengal having only one train originating from New Jalpaiguri to cater their needs, and

(d) if so whether it will originate from New Jalpaiguri and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) 57/58 Kanchanjunga Express and 67/68 Tista-Brahmaputra Express which were temporarily suspended due to floods and breaches have been restored as tri-weekly services from 20-11-1987 As was the position before. Kanchanjunga Express originates from New Jalpaiguri

Stoppage of 509/510 Avadh-Assam Express

3392 SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a memorandum from the Nagrik Samiti on behalf of the people of the Falakata of Jalpaiguri district was received by the General Manager (Operations) North East Frontier Railway Maligaon, regarding stoppage of 509/510 Avadh-Assam Express for Falakata; and

(b) whether Government propose to consider the request in view of the growing economic and social necessity of the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Stoppage of 509/510 Avadh-Assam Express at Falakata has not been found justified

Shifting of originating station of Assam Mail from Dibrugarh to Tinsukia

3393. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the North East Frontier Railway, had shifted the originating station of Assam Mail from Dibrugarh Railway Station to Tinsukia causing inconvenience to densely populated Dibrugarh town, and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) For the convenience of through passengers availing Broad Gauge trains at Guwahati, 3/4 Assam Mail has been scheduled to originate/terminate at Tinsukia and 7/8 Tinsukia Mail at Dibrugarh Town from October, 1987 While causing no inconvenience to the people of Dibrugarh Town, the revised arrangements has connected M.G Assam Mail with B.G North East Express and Kamrup Express

Cooks and servers working in RPF Sourthern Railway

3394. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 200 staff belonging to the Railway Protection Force, Southern, Railway who discharge the duties of Cooks and Servers and categorised as "Followers" are not treated on par with the personnel of the RPF in the matter of pay scales and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any representation on their behalf has been received regarding the anomalies in their new pay scales; and